

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MAY 2, 2023
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The May 2, 2023 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Spango. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that the date, time and location of the meeting were included in the Annual Meeting Schedule, sent to the official newspapers, posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. Forty-Eight Hour Notice of the earlier start time of the meeting was sent to the official newspapers and posted on the Borough's website. The meeting was also available via Zoom conference call.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman (via Zoom)
Marcelino Trillo, Council President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni McDonnell, Borough

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 158-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. Contract Negotiations
3. Potential Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session at 6:56 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:00 PM and called the meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilman Trillo excused himself from the meeting at 6:59 PM.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 159-2023 Approving of the April 28, 2023 Bill List in the Amount of \$786,229.35. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the first four resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 160-2023 awarding a contract to Green Valley Group LLC in the amount of \$123,780.00 for the 2023 Tedesco Park pickleball improvements project

Resolution No. 161-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with the Hanover Manor for the Senior Holiday Luncheon on December 15, 2023 at a cost of \$42.95 per person

Resolution No. 162-2023 authorizing a senior citizen bus trip to Monmouth Park Racetrack and establishing the related fees

Resolution No. 163-2023 approving the waiver of field use field permit fees for certain non-profit organizations

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 164-2023 approving the hiring of 2023 SCRAM staff assistant directors. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Bardi recusing himself from the vote and Councilman Trillo absent.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the remaining five resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 165-2023 authorizing the use of State Contract 18-TELE-00671 to purchase a print live scan system from Idemia Identity & Security USA, Inc. for the police department at a cost of \$21,532.00

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Resolution No. 166-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign the NJ DEP Bureau of Water System Engineering (BWSE) permit application for 6 Becker Farm Road

Resolution No. 167-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign the NJ DEP Bureau of Water System Engineering (BWSE) permit application for 85 Livingston Avenue

Resolution No. 168-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign the NJ DEP Bureau of Water System Engineering (BWSE) permit application for 117 Harrison Avenue

Resolution No. 169-2023 accepting donations from various organizations to support Roseland senior citizen and youth programs

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Council discussed a draft ordinance to authorize putting a referendum question on the November ballot to establish a tax levy for Arts and Culture. After discussion, Council decided not to take any action at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi explained that tax bills are required to be mailed by June 14th. Mrs. Chumacas added that the state has not certified the tax rate yet. If it is necessary to send estimated bills, Council will have to authorize sending estimated bills at the June 6th caucus meeting. Council agreed to put a resolution on the next meeting agenda to authorize sending estimated tax bills in case the tax rate has not been certified by then.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti suggested that the Borough needs to consider engaging full-time daytime EMS coverage in the Borough. The Roseland First Aid Squad has expressed a willingness to hire EMT's, but the training process is long and arduous. Florham Park has offered to serve as an additional back up source. Cedar Grove advertised a competitive contract and has tentatively agreed to enter into an agreement with Montclair Ambulance to provide daytime EMS at an annual cost of \$75,000.

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RECREATION

Councilman Bardi asked about the status of the Pickleball rules and fees. Council asked that the ordinance to establish the pickleball fees be put on the May 6th special meeting agenda for introduction.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reminded residents that anyone interested in taking the senior bus trip to PNC Arts Center on May 9th should contact the recreation department. The bus will leave at 10:30 AM. Mayor Spango added that reservations for the senior luncheon are currently unusually low.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

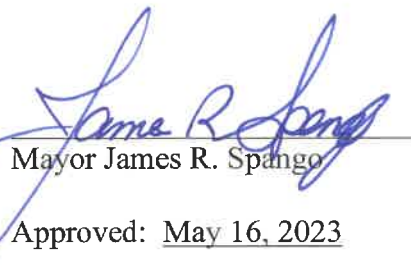
Councilwoman Tolli reported that the senior transportation committee met last night. The committee has asked Caldwell to have the senior transportation shared services agreement sent to Roseland before the next meeting on May 16th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

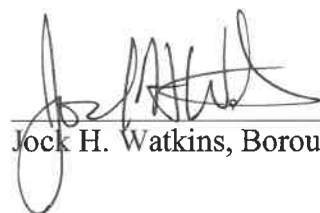
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Freda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: May 16, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli
Nay: None
Recuse: Trillo
Absent: Bardi